

**METHODS FOR TREATING GASTRIC  
DISORDERS USING OPTICALLY PURE (-) PANTOPRAZOLE**

Abstract of the Disclosure

Methods and compositions are disclosed utilizing optically pure (-) pantoprazole for the treatment of ulcers in humans while substantially reducing the concomitant liability of adverse effects associated with the racemic mixture of pantoprazole. The optically pure (-) isomer is also useful for the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux. (-)

10 Pantoprazole is an inhibitor of  $H^+$  release and is therefore useful in the treatment of other conditions related to gastric hypersecretion such as Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome.